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PROVENANCE

The records of the Federation of Citizens' Associations were donated to the Archives in 1989 by Nancy Wright, an officer of the organization gathered from her files and those of other members of the Federation.

HISTORY

In March of 1910 representatives from 22 established citizens' associations met to form an alliance to represent their combined interests before Congress, the President, and the D.C. government. William Clayton, Allen Davis, and Charles Lancaster were some of the key founders of the Federation. The Federation has championed a number of interests over its history, including establishment of the Public Utilities Commission, voting rights for D.C. citizens congressional representation as well as working on issues affecting transportation, police, fire, fiscal matters, environment, and education in the City. Historically the membership of citizens associations has been white.

SCOPE

The records consist of financial information, correspondence, meeting minutes, internal memoranda, resolutions, directories, reports, Federation resolutions, and clippings maintained by the Federation of Citizens' Association of D.C. Major topics covered include city planning and zoning, historical preservation, election law, D.C. government budgets, transportation, and crime.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I: Office Files, 1964-1973 (1.25 linear feet)

This series consists of the Federation's office files which document its daily operations. It includes correspondence, minutes, lists, handwritten notes, resolutions, motions, charts, pamphlets, and flyers.

Series 2: Correspondence, 1975-1987 (. 5 linear feet)

The series contains correspondence (1975-1980) (with any relevant attachments) sent to and from Nancy Wright, Secretary of the Federation at the time, primarily from local D.C. and federal government officials. Letters "to" and "from" the Federation are grouped in folders separately; the remaining correspondence is loosely arranged chronologically.

Series 3: Meeting Minutes, 1969-1990 (1 linear foot)

This series contains minutes of meetings of the Federation that are arranged chronologically by date of the meeting. It also includes materials related to or gathered in preparation for the meeting.

Series 4: Resolutions, .25 linear ft. (1975-1987)

The series contains formal resolutions passed by the Federation and its member organizations during meetings. Background documents such as correspondence, meeting minutes, clippings, legislation, statements before the City Council and Congress, and notes related to the resolution are also included. The resolution were used as policy statements and covered issues such as transportation, development, zoning, education, D.C. government finances, election law, crime, and D.C. General Hospital.

Series 5: Topical Files, 1950-1987 (1.50 linear feet)

This series contains correspondence, resolutions, financial materials, Federation certifications, citizen association newsletters, directories, clippings, and reference materials arranged in folders alphabetically by content or topic.

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Series 2: Correspondence

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Correspondence sent by Committee Chairmen, 1975-1980
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Series 3: Meeting Minutes

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Series 4: Resolutions

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Resolutions, 1975-1987

Series 5: Topical Files

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